



ETHICS REVIEW COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, April 11, 2018

The Ethics Review Commission (“Commission”) convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room 1027 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Peter Einhorn called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Commissioners in attendance: Chair Peter Einhorn, Vice Chair Meagan Harding, Secretary Ben Stratmann, Debra Danburg, Mary Kahle, Donna Beth McCormick, J. Michael Ohueri, Luis Soberon, Dennis Speight and Brian Thompson.

City Staff in Attendance: Division Chief and Assistant City Attorney, Cindy Crosby; Assistant City Attorney, Lynn Carter and Commission Staff Liaison, Sue Palmer.

1. GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

There were no speakers for general citizen communication.

2. CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

One or more representative(s) of the Charter Review Commission will attend to report on and answer questions about the Charter Review Commissions’ proposed recommendations for amendments to the City Charter, which recommendations include, but are not limited to:

- (a) the proposal of an Independent Ethics Review Commission and
- (b) the proposal of public financing of city campaigns by issuance of up to four \$25 vouchers to registered voters, which registered voters may contribute to a mayoral candidate and/or a city council member within the voter’s council district.

The ERC may discuss or take action related to Charter Review Commission recommendations.

Charter Review Commission Chair, Jessica Palvino, and Vice-Chair, Ingrid Weigand, reported on and answered questions about the Charter Review Commissions’ proposed recommendations for amendments to the City Charter.

No action was taken.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Amendments to City Code Chapter 2-7 (Ethics and Financial Disclosure) related to the Ethics Review Commission’s subpoena power.

Division Chief and Assistant City Attorney, Cindy Crosby, provided an update to the Commission and answered questions. No action was taken.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 21, 2018 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Vice Chair Harding made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. The motion passed on a vote of 9-1-0. Members voting aye: Chair Einhorn, Vice Chair Harding and Commissioners Danburg, Kahle, McCormick, Soberon, Speight and Thompson. Secretary Stratmann abstained.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Charter Review Commissions' proposed recommendations for amendments to the City Charter**
- **Amendments to City Code Chapter 2-7 related to the Ethics Review Commission's subpoena power**
- **Election of officers**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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